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**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the abstract with the following:

Briefly, in accordance with one more embodiment of the invention, an integrated circuit includes:  
a switch adapted to receive a packet of binary digital signals as encoded binary digital signals including  
encoded binary digital signals used to route the packet through the network. The switch is further  
adapted to copy the encoded binary digital signals used to route the packet through the network, at

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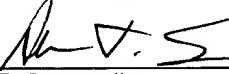
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